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Nebraska Work Trends

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

ANSWER: From YOU - the employer!

The Nebraska Department of Labor, Division of Employment, would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude and appreciation to those cooperating employers who provide us with requested data.

This makes it possible for us to supply information necessary for planning and decision-making to Nebraska employers, governmental units, labor organizations, and other individuals and agencies with a need to know about the Nebraska labor force and industrial composition.

NEBRASKA Work Trends

December 1979

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION 16 YEARS AND OVER, SELECTED YEARS, 1960-78

(Not seasonally adjusted)

	Total resident population 1/	Civilian labor force						Not in labor force
			Employed			Unemployed		
		Total	Total	Agriculture	Nonagricultural industries	Number	Percent of labor force	
U.S. 2/								
1960	180,000,000	69,630,000	65,778,000	5,458,000	60,318,000	3,852,000	5.5	110,372,000
1965	193,500,000	74,454,000	71,088,000	4,362,000	66,726,000	3,366,000	4.5	119,045,000
1970	203,800,000	82,715,000	78,627,000	3,462,000	75,165,000	4,088,000	4.9	121,085,000
1975	213,100,000	92,613,000	84,783,000	3,380,000	81,403,000	7,830,000	8.5	120,487,000
1978	218,100,000	100,420,000	94,373,000	3,342,000	91,031,000	6,047,000	6.0	117,680,000
Nebraska 3/								
1960	1,411,921	630,200	613,000	160,000	453,000	17,200	2.7	781,721
1965	1,497,890	630,800	611,300	127,300	484,000	19,500	3.1	867,090
1970	1,485,333	624,000	612,200	89,700	522,500	11,800	1.9	861,333
1975	1,543,562	703,650	676,000	83,400	592,600	27,650	3.9	839,912
1978	1,565,390	771,000	748,000	81,950	666,050	23,000	3.0	794,390
Omaha SMSA 3/ 4/								
1960	457,873	194,400	188,950	7,050	181,900	5,450	2.8	263,473
1965	533,757	207,250	200,100	6,150	193,950	7,150	3.4	326,507
1970	542,646	222,100	214,650	5,300	209,350	7,450	3.4	320,546
1975	573,703	245,507	231,452	4,238	227,214	14,055	5.7	328,196
1978	581,729	278,402	267,484	4,208	263,276	10,918	3.9	303,327
Lincoln SMSA 3/ 5/								
1960	155,272	64,550	62,900	2,500	60,400	1,650	2.6	90,722
1965	170,136	74,900	73,200	2,000	71,200	1,700	2.3	95,236
1970	167,972	80,100	77,800	2,700	75,100	2,300	2.9	87,872
1975	182,589	97,172	94,101	2,536	91,565	3,071	3.2	85,417
1978	186,179	108,418	105,558	2,477	103,081	2,860	2.6	77,761

1/ Source of data: Bureau of Business Research, University of Nebraska.
2/ Source of data: Monthly Labor Review, November 1979, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
3/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
4/ Omaha SMSA defined as Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa.
5/ Lincoln SMSA defined as Lancaster County.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)
December 1979

	Preliminary	Revised		Revised	
	Dec 1979	Nov 1979	Dec 1978	Nov 1979	Dec 1978
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	776,400	776,750	762,100	- 350	14,300
Employment	746,650	752,100	734,100	-5,450	12,550
Unemployment	29,750	24,650	28,000	5,100	1,750
Unemployment rate 2/	3.8	3.2	3.7	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	285,900	283,150	278,350	2,750	7,550
Employment	273,250	271,800	266,250	1,450	7,000
Unemployment	12,650	11,350	12,100	1,300	550
Unemployment rate 2/	4.4	4.0	4.3	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	116,200	114,900	113,500	1,300	2,700
Employment	112,300	111,650	110,050	650	2,250
Unemployment	3,900	3,250	3,450	650	450
Unemployment rate 2/	3.4	2.8	3.0	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.
3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 242,150 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 43,750, is excluded from the Nebraska total.
4/ Defined as Lancaster County.
NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1978 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 5,100 from November 1979 to December 1979, reaching a new total of 29,750. The December 1979 total was 1,750 more than in December 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 3.2 in November 1979 to 3.8 in December 1979, and compared to 3.7 in December 1978.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 1,300 from November 1979 to December 1979, and also increased by 550 from December 1978. The unemployment rate increased from 4.0 in November 1979 to 4.4 in December 1979, and compared to 4.3 in December 1978.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA increased by 650 from November 1979 to December 1979, and also increased by 450 from December 1978. The unemployment rate moved upward from 2.8 in November 1979 to 3.4 in December 1979, and compared to 3.0 in December 1978.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 13,300 from December 1979 to January 1980, reaching a new total of 763,100. The unemployment segment is projected as 34,750, while the employment segment is projected as 728,350.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Dec 1979 [2]	Nov 1979 [3]	Dec 1978 [3]	Change From Nov 1979	Change From Dec 1978	Percent Change From Dec 1978
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	618,350	619,150	605,250	- 800	13,100	2.2
MANUFACTURING	97,350	97,000	94,550	350	2,800	3.0
Durable goods	51,600	51,900	49,350	- 300	2,250	4.6
Construction material	4,850	5,050	5,200	- 200	- 350	- 6.3
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	1,950	2,000	2,300	- 50	- 350	-15.0
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,900	3,050	2,900	- 150	0	0.6
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,700	1,900	0	- 200	- 8.9
Metals	10,250	10,300	9,700	- 50	550	5.7
Primary metal industries	1,950	1,950	1,600	0	350	19.6
Fabricated metal products, except machinery transportation equipment	8,300	8,350	8,100	- 50	200	2.9
Machinery except electrical	13,100	13,150	11,400	- 50	1,700	15.1
Farm machinery & equipment	7,850	7,800	6,900	50	950	14.1
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,400	10,400	10,150	0	250	2.3
Transportation equipment	5,900	5,900	5,950	0	- 50	- 1.1
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	3,150	3,150	3,250	0	- 100	- 3.1
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,400	5,400	5,050	0	350	6.6
Nondurable goods	45,750	45,100	45,200	650	550	1.1
Food & kindred products	26,650	26,100	26,550	550	100	0.3
Meat products	12,350	11,750	12,900	600	- 550	- 4.1
Dairy products	2,050	2,050	2,050	0	0	- 1.6
Grain mill	5,100	5,100	4,950	0	150	3.0
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	7,150	7,200	6,650	- 50	500	7.6
Textile products & apparel	2,250	2,250	2,350	0	- 100	- 2.9
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,600	7,550	7,150	50	450	6.2
Chemicals & allied products	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100	4.5
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,950	6,900	6,950	50	0	- 0.6
NONMANUFACTURING	521,000	522,150	510,700	-1,150	10,300	2.0
MINING	1,550	1,600	1,450	- 50	100	4.4
CONSTRUCTION	30,100	32,900	29,300	-2,800	800	2.9
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	9,350	10,100	9,600	- 750	- 250	- 2.4
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	6,100	7,550	5,150	-1,450	950	18.5
Construction - special trade contractors	14,650	15,250	14,550	- 600	100	0.9
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,150	46,550	45,000	- 400	1,150	2.6
Railroad transportation	15,050	15,450	14,700	- 400	350	2.6
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,850	14,850	14,900	0	- 50	- 0.3
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,250	16,250	15,400	0	850	5.4

TRADE	161,250	159,850	158,500	1,400	2,750	1.8
Wholesale	47,100	46,950	45,800	150	1,300	2.8
Durable	24,050	23,950	22,950	100	1,100	4.7
Nondurable	23,050	23,000	22,850	50	200	0.9
Retail	114,150	112,900	112,700	1,250	1,450	1.3
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	100	1.2
General merchandise stores	17,400	16,450	18,100	950	- 700	- 3.8
Food stores	14,950	14,800	15,000	150	- 50	- 0.2
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,600	16,750	16,600	- 150	0	0.1
Apparel & accessory stores	6,850	6,600	6,850	250	0	0.4
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,200	4,150	4,300	50	- 100	- 2.5
Eating & drinking places	36,550	36,850	34,000	- 300	2,550	7.5
Miscellaneous retail	11,800	11,600	12,150	200	- 350	- 2.8
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,750	3,700	3,850	50	- 100	- 2.0
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,050	7,900	8,300	150	- 250	- 3.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	41,100	40,950	39,500	150	1,600	4.0
Banking	10,550	10,450	10,200	100	350	3.5
Insurance	19,650	19,600	19,100	50	550	2.9
Real estate	4,600	4,600	4,200	0	400	8.8
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,300	6,300	6,000	0	300	4.9
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	113,400	113,450	108,950	- 50	4,450	4.1
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,250	7,400	6,700	- 150	550	8.8
Personal services	5,450	5,350	5,600	100	- 150	- 2.5
Business services	16,350	16,100	15,300	250	1,050	6.7
Automotive repair, services, & garages	3,550	3,550	3,500	0	50	1.7
Amusement & recreation	6,000	6,200	5,450	- 200	550	10.1
Health services	40,100	39,950	38,250	150	1,850	4.8
Educational services	9,600	9,750	9,450	- 150	150	1.8
Social services	5,700	5,650	5,550	50	150	2.7
Membership organizations	8,400	8,350	8,700	50	- 300	- 3.7
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,000	11,150	10,450	- 150	550	5.4
GOVERNMENT	127,450	126,850	128,000	600	- 550	- 0.5
Federal	16,150	16,050	16,300	100	- 150	- 0.9
State	34,150	33,350	32,600	800	1,550	4.7
Local	77,150	77,450	79,100	- 300	-1,950	- 2.5

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

DECEMBER 1979 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 800 from November 1979 to December 1979. Manufacturing increased by 350, while nonmanufacturing dropped by 1,150.

The increase of 350 in manufacturing included a gain of 650 in nondurable goods more than counterbalancing a dip of 300 in durable goods. The major gain in nondurable goods was in food products (550).

Month-to-month increases occurred in trade (1,400), government (600), and finance-insurance-real estate (150). The increase in trade included a rise of 150 in wholesale trade and a gain of 1,250 in retail trade - primarily in general merchandise stores (950). The chief increase in government employment was in state educational services.

Month-to-month decreases occurred in construction/mining (-2,850), transportation communication-utilities (-400), and services (-50).

ANNUAL CHANGES. . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 13,100 from December 1978 to December 1979. This included a gain of 2,800 in manufacturing, and a rise of 10,300 in nonmanufacturing.

The increase of 2,800 in manufacturing included a gain of 2,250 in durable goods, and an increase of 550 in nondurable goods. The principal gain in durable goods employment was in machinery except electrical (1,700).

Year-to-year increases occurred in services (4,450), trade (2,750), finance-insurance-real estate (1,600), transportation-communication-utilities (1,150), and construction/mining (900). The largest increases in services were in health services (1,850), and business services (1,050). The increase of 2,750 in trade included a gain of 1,300 in wholesale trade and an increase of 1,450 in retail trade. The largest increase in retail trade occurred in eating and drinking places (2,550).

A year-to-year loss occurred in government employment (-550), led by a reduction in local government employment (-1,950).

OUTLOOK . . . . . .

Employment activity in February 1980 is projected to show a total decrease of small proportions. Slight increases are anticipated in services and government, but probably will be more than counterbalanced by small declines in manufacturing and trade. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged in construction/mining, transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate, and agriculture.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES 1/

December 1979

		Applicants Available 2/ FY to date	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Received 2/ FY to date	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
TOTAL	3/	51,045	22,703	17,068	4,925	3,686	2.99	4.61	74.8
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	5,918	2,793	1,424	1,389	1,135	4.16	6.21	81.7
2	Clerical and sales	12,970	4,986	3,699	1,637	1,240	3.51	3.05	75.7
	Entry codes 4/	2,795	1,015	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	7,840	3,016	2,795	1,375	1,050	2.81	2.19	76.4
	25-29 Sales	2,335	955	904	262	190	2.58	3.65	72.5
3	Service	8,017	3,645	2,710	719	470	2.96	5.07	65.4
	Entry codes 4/	1,383	545	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	551	229	455	48	37	1.21	4.77	77.1
	31-39 Other	6,083	2,871	2,255	671	433	2.70	4.28	64.5
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	1,495	442	554	45	18	2.70	9.82	40.0
5	Processing	1,418	524	1,110	52	23	1.28	10.08	44.2
6	Machine trades	2,245	1,079	586	210	152	3.83	5.14	72.4
7	Bench work	2,332	1,116	615	161	111	3.79	6.93	68.9
8	Structural work	5,619	2,733	2,153	270	184	2.61	10.12	68.1
9	Miscellaneous	7,682	3,784	4,181	208	120	1.84	18.19	57.7
	Entry codes 4/	1,730	757	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	2,558	1,359	1,685	121	67	1.52	11.23	55.4
	92 Packaging, materials handling	3,171	1,546	2,389	59	30	1.33	26.20	50.8
	93-97 Other 5/	223	122	107	28	23	2.08	4.36	82.1

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 12-31-79. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES[1/]

By Occupation

December 1979

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	4,560	6,638	$8,732/yr	$8,582/yr	2,778	3,223	1,741	1,981
Professional, technical, and managerial	865	989	11,254/yr	11,257/yr	699	741	463	474
Clerical and sales	1,447	1,809	7,392/yr	7,332/yr	1,050	1,074	714	704
Service	618	966	3.25/hr	3.24/hr	341	433	182	274
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	79	101	3.54/hr	3.53/hr	35	42	20	17
Processing	282	476	5.05/hr	5.12/hr	45	74	12	54
Machine trades	250	372	4.87/hr	4.52/hr	157	202	97	111
Bench work	209	332	3.50/hr	3.45/hr	115	133	72	74
Structural work	451	807	4.43/hr	4.31/hr	178	307	98	194
Miscellaneous	359	786	4.48/hr	4.26/hr	158	217	83	79

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

December 1979

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Dec 1979 [2]	Nov 1979 [3]	Dec 1978 [3]	Dec 1979 [2]	Nov 1979 [3]	Dec 1978 [3]	Dec 1979 [2]	Nov 1979 [3]	Dec 1978 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$292.46	$284.13	$256.06	41.9	41.6	41.5	$6.98	$6.83	$6.17
Durable goods	294.42	284.83	254.18	42.0	41.4	41.6	7.01	6.88	6.11
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	239.32	233.81	216.54	40.7	39.9	40.1	5.88	5.86	5.40
Primary and fabricated metals	293.85	279.20	244.41	41.8	40.7	40.6	7.03	6.86	6.02
Machinery and transportation equipment	322.58	312.16	282.44	42.5	41.9	42.6	7.59	7.45	6.63
Nondurable goods	289.82	282.99	258.34	41.7	41.8	41.4	6.95	6.77	6.24
Food and kindred products	319.60	308.85	275.15	42.5	42.6	41.5	7.52	7.25	6.63
Meat products	342.34	336.05	293.87	41.8	42.7	41.1	8.19	7.87	7.15
Dairy products	196.93	198.93	193.03	36.2	36.5	38.3	5.44	5.45	5.04
Grain mill products	406.55	390.26	340.46	49.1	48.3	49.2	8.28	8.08	6.92
Bakery products	249.74	247.35	228.38	36.3	35.9	34.6	6.88	6.89	6.43
Other food and kindred products	224.13	214.12	190.26	40.9	39.8	37.6	5.48	5.38	5.06
Printing and publishing	259.31	262.06	245.86	40.9	41.4	41.6	6.34	6.33	5.91
Chemicals and allied products	297.47	299.53	280.28	44.2	43.6	45.5	6.73	6.87	6.16

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $8.33 from November 1979 to December 1979. This included a gain of $9.59 in durable goods and an increase of $6.83 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $36.40, including a rise of $40.24 in durable goods and a gain of $31.48 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours increased by 0.3 hours from November 1979 to December 1979, and also increased by 0.4 hours from December 1978.

Average hourly earnings increased by $.15 month-to-month, and rose by $.81 year-to-year.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING 1/

(Per 1,000 workers)

November 1979

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978	Nov 2/ 1979	Oct 3/ 1979	Nov 3/ 1978
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	30	45	38	26	42	34	38	43	36	23	30	25	9	5	4
Durable goods	29	44	40	26	41	37	36	41	31	20	27	23	10	5	1
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	38	57	38	35	55	36	68	60	39	31	50	29	33	4	4
Furniture and fixtures	7	16	27	6	15	27	35	39	29	22	29	29	6	1	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	34	43	32	29	37	29	39	53	28	20	26	18	13	14	3
Machinery and transportation equipment	23	38	44	21	36	39	30	31	31	16	20	23	8	3	1
Other durable goods	46	73	47	43	69	44	38	53	28	31	45	20	4/	4/	2
Nondurable goods	31	47	35	27	43	31	39	47	40	27	35	26	6	6	7
Food and kindred products	32	46	35	29	43	30	39	51	41	26	35	25	7	9	9
Meat products	33	50	40	31	48	35	36	44	32	31	32	23	4/	5	1
Dairy products	16	17	20	15	17	18	19	42	38	14	33	28	4/	4/	5
Grain mill products	24	23	23	20	20	21	44	58	62	13	32	19	28	21	35
Bakery products	32	44	30	27	37	24	34	44	29	27	34	22	1	5	2
Other food and kindred products	49	79	57	41	71	43	49	68	47	36	48	33	5	9	8
Textiles and apparel	35	38	54	32	38	54	41	57	66	33	50	46	4	2	18
Paper and allied products	19	41	47	18	41	46	21	33	37	15	27	28	1	4/	1
Printing and publishing	28	47	26	27	44	26	42	41	43	32	35	34	3	1	4/
Chemicals and allied products	21	26	24	18	25	22	10	16	21	6	12	14	4/	4/	4
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	34	68	43	22	59	35	55	52	29	33	38	19	15	8	1

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Less than 0.05.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing decreased from 45 per 1,000 workers in September 1979 to 30 per 1,000 in November 1979. Durable goods dropped from 44 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also dipped from 47 per 1,000 to 31 per 1,000 - during this period. Year-to-year, accessions also declined from 38 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000. This included a drop in durable goods from 40 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000, and also a decline in nondurable goods from 35 per 1,000 to 31 per 1,000. Separations in Nebraska manufacturing dropped from 43 per 1,000 to 38 per 1,000 from October 1979 to November 1979. Durable goods dipped from 41 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000, and nondurable goods dropped from 47 per 1,000 to 39 per 1,000 - during that period. Year-to-year, separations increased from 36 per 1,000 to 38 per 1,000, including a rise in durable goods from 31 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000, and a dip in nondurable goods from 40 per 1,000 to 39 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

December 1979

	Dec 1979	Nov 1979	Dec 1978
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)			
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	$7,862	$6,132	$8,463
Weeks claimed	30,487	21,167	35,836
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$2,282,108	$1,602,963	$2,214,571
Calendar year to date	$24,734,722	$22,452,614	$24,989,522
Average size of weekly payments	$90.83	$89.51	$79.17
First payments	2,908	2,021	4,140
Exhaustions	678	507	772
Individuals who drew benefits	8,983	6,152	10,352
Rate of insured unemployment	1.3	0.9	1.7
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	57,787	52,625	68,482
Average size of weekly payments	$80.71	$80.10	$77.12
First payments	39	44	64
Exhaustions	20	8	32
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$22,979	$20,461	$17,703
Average size of weekly payments	$91.19	$87.82	$83.19
First payments	32	44	28
Exhaustions	2	0	2
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	37,572	37,085	36,877
Contributions received	$74,013	$3,002,584	$205,359
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$79,884,659	$81,852,943	$65,038,153

U.I. initial claims in Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers increased from 6,132 in November 1979 to 7,862 in December 1979. Weeks claimed increased from 21,167 in November 1979 to 30,487 in December 1979. UI benefit payments increased from 1.6 million in November 1979 to 2.3 million in December 1979. The number of insured unemployed increased from 5,242 in November 1979 to 7,369 in December 1979. The rate of insured unemployment increased from 0.9% in November 1979 to 1.3% in December 1979. The year-to-year contributions stood at 33.4 million compared to 33.5 million one year ago. The fund balance stood at 79.9 million compared to 65.0 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

December 1979

	Amount	Percent of total
SEX:		
Male	4,694	66.4
Female	2,372	33.6
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	6,422	90.9
All other races	644	9.1
AGE:		
Under 22	988	14.0
22 - 44	4,315	61.1
45 and over	1,763	24.9
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,239	60.0
5 - 14	2,356	33.3
15 and over	471	6.7

	Amount	Percent of total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,254	17.7
Clerical and sales	1,085	15.4
Service	471	6.7
Farm and related	177	2.5
Processing	276	3.9
Machine trades	332	4.7
Bench work	373	5.3
Structural work	1,857	26.3
Miscellaneous	1,241	17.5
INDUSTRY:		
Manufacturing	1,810	25.6
Nonmanufacturing	5,256	74.4

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including th 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for December 1979 was 7,066.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. City Average

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, DECEMBER 1979

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	229.9	1.1	13.3	230.0	1.1	13.4
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	235.5	1.0	10.0	235.7	1.1	10.1
Food	241.7	1.1	10.2	241.8	1.1	10.3
Food at home	238.7	1.1	9.5	238.3	1.2	9.5
Cereals & bakery products	231.6	1.3	11.4	232.3	1.1	11.3
Meats, poultry, fish & eggs	235.5	2.3	8.8	235.1	2.2	8.7
Dairy products	216.9	0.4	10.4	217.4	0.5	10.5
Fruits & vegetables	230.2	0.3	9.8	228.3	0.7	9.9
Sugar & sweets	284.6	0.5	7.4	284.1	0.8	7.5
Fats & oils	233.0	0.3	7.1	233.7	0.4	7.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	375.4	0.3	9.9	372.3	0.4	9.3
Other prepared foods	217.4	1.0	9.9	217.2	0.7	9.9
Food away from home	253.4	0.8	11.4	255.1	0.9	12.1
Alcoholic beverages	178.0	0.3	8.0	178.7	0.4	8.2
HOUSING	243.6	1.2	15.2	243.6	1.2	15.3
Rent residential	182.9	0.4	7.9	182.7	0.4	7.9
Homeownership	286.9	1.6	19.8	288.7	1.6	20.4
Fuel & other utilities	255.1	1.2	16.0	255.7	1.3	16.2
Household furnishings & oper	195.8	0.4	6.4	193.9	0.4	6.0
APPAREL & UPKEEP	172.2	0.3	5.5	171.4	0.1	5.0
Men's & boys' apparel	165.4	-0-	3.2	165.0	-0.2	2.9
Women's & girl's apparel	154.6	-0.3	1.9	153.5	-0.6	1.1
Infant's & toddler's apparel	227.1	0.4	3.6	230.5	0.8	7.0
Footwear	184.3	0.3	8.7	183.8	0.3	8.9
TRANSPORTATION	227.7	1.2	18.2	228.3	1.2	18.2
Private transportation	227.5	1.1	18.2	228.2	1.1	18.4
Public transportation	223.0	3.0	17.9	219.1	2.4	15.3
MEDICAL CARE	250.7	1.1	10.1	251.7	1.0	10.4
Medical care commodities	159.2	0.9	7.6	159.9	0.9	7.5
Medical care services	270.7	1.2	10.6	271.8	1.1	11.0
ENTERTAINMENT	193.4	0.3	6.9	191.5	-0.3	5.8
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	204.0	0.5	7.9	203.0	0.5	7.7
ALL ITEMS (1957=100)	267.4			267.4		